

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO MAY 4, 2011 OFFICE ACTION  
AND PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in reply to the Office Action issued on May 4, 2011 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A reply was originally due August 4, 2011. Applicants herewith petition for a three month extension of time in which to file a reply. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to change Deposit Account No. 01-1785 the \$635.00 fee for a three month extension of time for a small entity. With a three month extension, a reply is due November 4, 2011. Accordingly, the reply is being timely filed.